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Ex parte THOMAS J. REDDIN, GLENDA M. BEHRLE,
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Before DALE M. SHAW, *Chief Appeals Administrator*

ORDER REMANDING APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on May 31, 2008. A Docketing Notice was mailed and Appeal No. 2008-3216 was assigned on June 16, 2008. A review of the application has revealed that the application was not ready for an appeal.

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On December 5, 2008, the examiner mailed a Supplemental Examiner's Answer to appellants. This supplemental Examiner's Answer introduced a new ground of rejection on claims 1, 2, 4-19, 21-23, 25-28, 30-43, 53, 59-65, and 67. On January 30, 2009, the appellants timely filed an amendment requesting the reopening of prosecution of the application.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner to reopen prosecution in accordance to the appellants' January 30, 2009 request.

If there are any questions pertaining to this order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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